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ADXA MEETING MINUTES

The 2008
4th quarter
meeting of the ADXA

was held on Saturday, December 06, 2007 at the AECC office in Little Rock.

Those that signed the sign-in sheet included the following members: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Earl Smith, N5ZM, David Norris, K5UZ, Myrtle Wynne, N5OOI, Paul Wynne, AF5M, Jimmy Ballew, N5ZIV, Frank Fahrlander, N7FF, Martin Hankins, W5HTY, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Lenny Mendel, K5OVC, Bill Harper, K9IW, Ollie Gade, W5GO, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, and Pat Patterson, W5VY. Guests included Jim Barron, WB5AAA, Melissa Schaefer, N5HX, and Randy Young, N5LE/V73RY.

President W5VY called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM. Pat recognized our guests—Jim WB5AAA, Melissa Schaefer, N5HX, and our guest speaker Randy Young, N5LE/V73RY

Pat then thanked the Hot Springs group for the great job they did for the 3rd quarter meeting.

Health and Welfare

Frank Kollatt is feeling better but still not up to making the meetings.

Old Business

W5VY asked N5RN to read the minutes from the previous meeting. K5DV motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented in the ADXA newsletter. K5UZ seconded and the motion carried.

N5RN gave the treasurer's report. AF5M motioned that they be approved. K5OVC seconded. The motion carried. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

New Business

W5VY mentioned the ADXA net at 10:00 AM on Saturday mornings on 3815 +/- QRM.

W5VY reminded the group that 2009 dues are due. Individual is \$25. Family is \$35.

K5UZ, Vice Director Delta Division, indicated that there will be an ARRL Board of Directors meeting in January 2009. The Delta division is well represented at these meeting. Dave also announced the election of Mickey Cox as Delta Division Director.

W5VY brought up the issue of meeting locations for 2009. After some discussion dates and locations were selected. See page 3 for the details.

Bill Harper asked that we provide him updates on your DXing activity and he will forward to Glenn for inclusion on the web page.

Russellville hamfest is coming soon. ADXA should

consider a table.

W5VY presented a new candidate for ADXA membership: Jim Barron, W5BAAA. A5FM is his sponsor. K5UZ seconded the nomination and Jim was accepted as full member. The executive board recommend a contribution to the KP5 DXpedition. AF5M made a motion and K5OVC seconded and the motion carried.

The executive board also recommended a contribution to the E44M DXpedition. Again AF5M made a motion and K5OVC seconded and the motion carried.

Member AI5P was planning a trip to CY0 but no request for support has yet been received. (Editor note: late word is that this trip has been cancelled).

YASME is on the agenda for 2009 first quarter meeting.

K5UZ brought a door prize and K9IW won a copy of "Low Band DXing".

Presentation of the AI5P DXpedition awards were made.

AF5M motioned that we adjourn the business part of the meeting. N5ZM seconded and the meeting adjourned.

After some setup Randy Young, N5LE/V73RY gave an excellent presentation on his stay on Kwajalein Island.

Words of Wisdom from the President

W5VY

What's a DX'er?

When a fellow ham or friend asks you to explain "DXing" what do you tell them? More than likely, we would all answer with a little different slant on what DXing comprises and our own special areas of interest. When I was a newly minted Novice even New Jersey was DX! I remember listening to 20M with my Hallicrafters S20R and getting excited hearing Europeans for the first time. I even called my Elmer, K5APA (W5APA now), on the phone to give him a tip that 20M was open to Europe! It seemed important to me.

Obviously, many hams are drawn to DXing by the challenge of DXCC, Honor Roll, etc. These are the "Type A" DX'ers who enjoys the competition associated with DXing. We have a few of these in ADXA! Even those of us who are not fiercely competitive don't want to be among the first to retire during a "DX Stand-down". The competitive aspect drives us to improve our stations and brings the technical side into play. Modern DX stations have very specialized antennas and widgets to allow digging the rare ones out of the dirt. Studying the nature of high frequency propagation and developing the tools and skills necessary to predict the best time/conditions to hook up with the group going to S2 also provides a competitive advantage. Tapping into various information sources and maintaining a file of the schedules and frequencies of operators in needed countries is another aspect to being on the right frequency at the right time. Reliance on spotting nets isn't enough if you want to be among the first to make a Q before the DX station is spotted and the horde descends on the frequency.

One other aspect of DXing is the ability to get to know fellow DX'ers in other lands. Many long term friendships have been started by a DX QSO. We are naturally curious about what life is like in other countries. One of my more memorable QSOs was with John, VK4ATN, on 10M back in the 80's. John was a farmer who had a place in Lark Hill, near Brisbane. We talked for over an hour comparing notes on life on the farm in Arkansas and VK land.

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So, how would you answer the question?

73 and DX,

Pat, W5VY

Mark Your Calendars

These are the dates for future ADXA meetings. Please note the year as well as the date:

- March—3rd Saturday—(21 March 2009) - Location: N5ZM's QTH
- June—3rd Saturday—(19 June 2009). Location: TBD.
- September— 3rd Saturday (19 September 2009). Location: Avery Pavilion, Hot Springs
- December—1st Saturday (5 December 2009). Location: AECC, Little Rock.

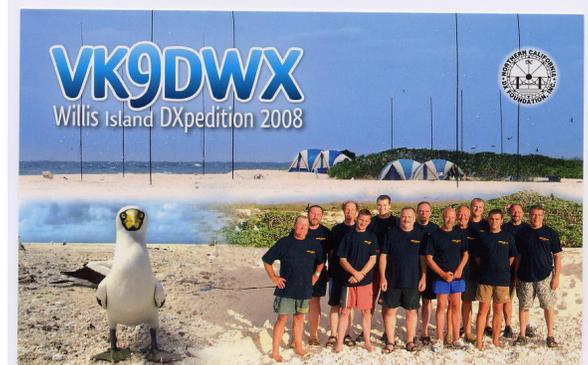
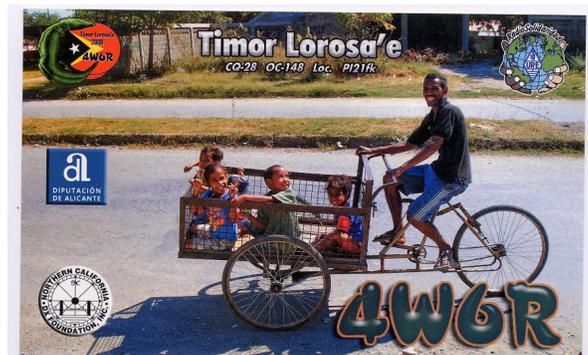


Card Checking

Earl will be available to check cards as usual before the meeting. If you want to have your cards checked cards please arrive at 11:00. Also, let Earl know that you are going to be bringing cards.

Comments from Members

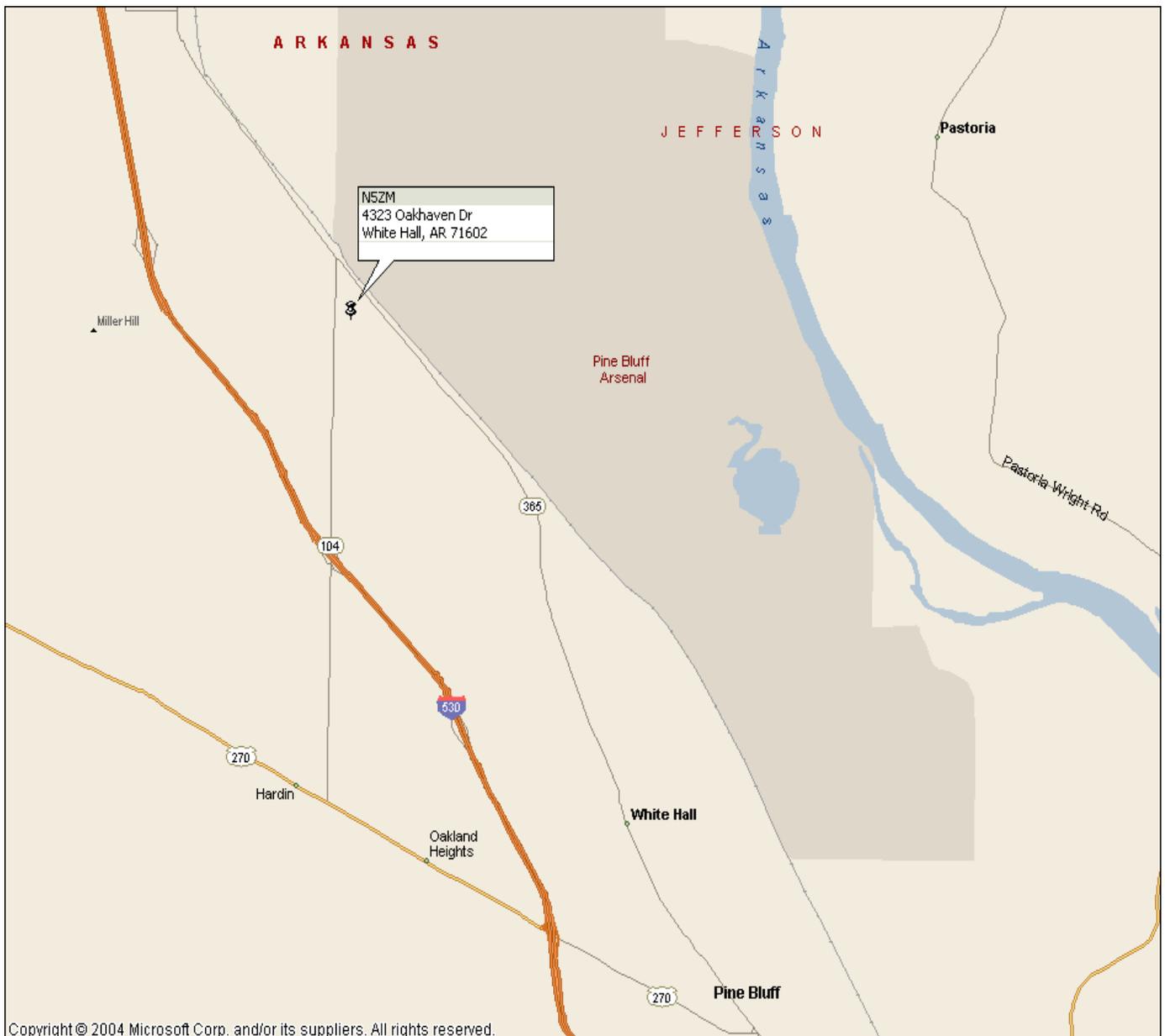
K5D was another great DXpedition. I was able to add to my previous numbers to attain everything but 10 meter anything. Now if we could just get someone to go to the other one (Navassa) and throw in Yemen just for fun I would be one happy DXer. Dave, K5DV



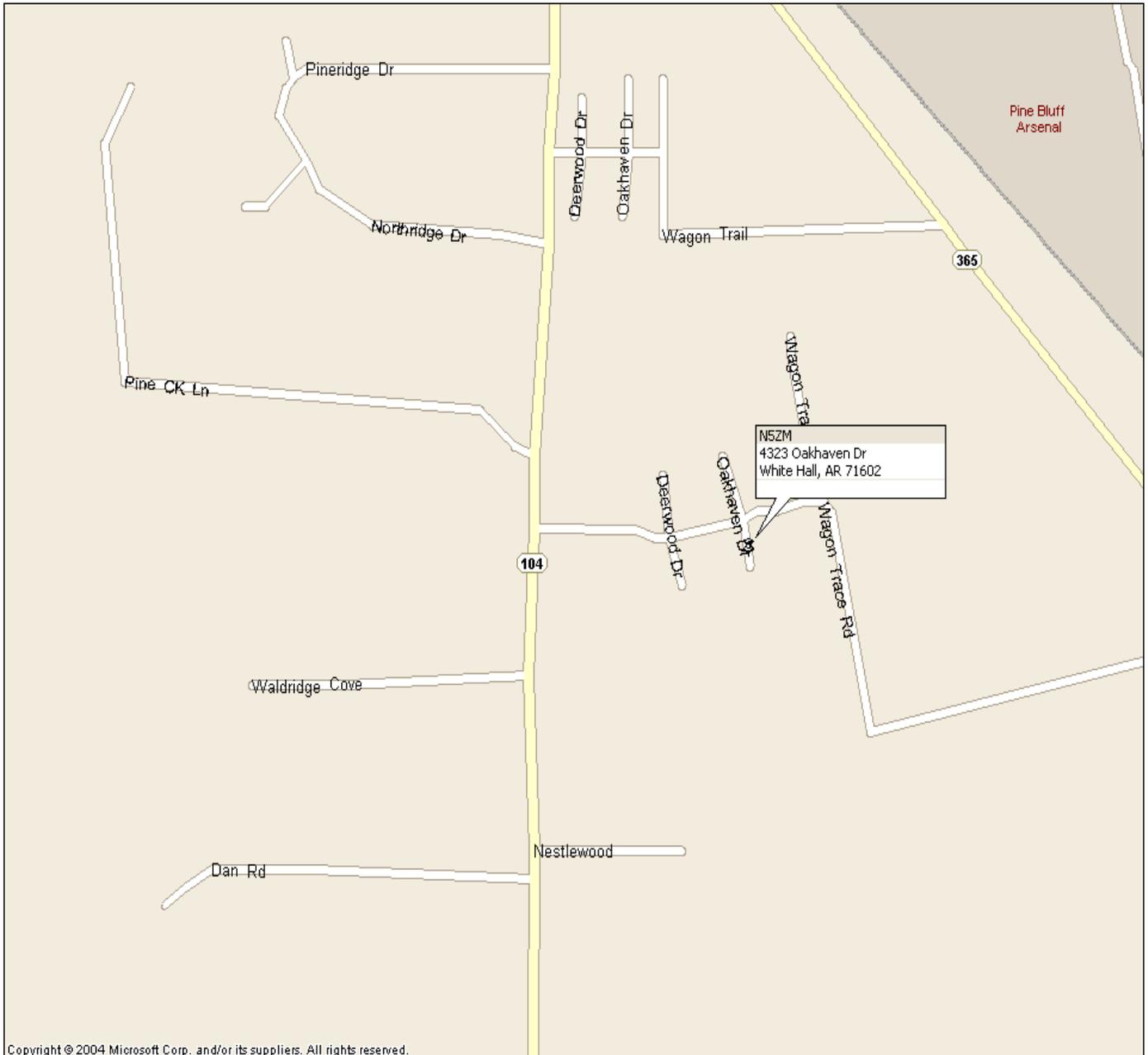
MAP TO N5ZM's

North is up

When on I530 look for the Exit 30 (Highway 104). If you are coming from the north you will go under the overpass and be heading North. Look for Wagon Trace road (approximately 2 miles) on the right side of 104. Oak Haven isn't far down Wagon Trace. See next page for finer detail on finding Wagon Trace and Earl's house.



Map to N5ZM's 4323 Oakhaven White Hall, Arkansas





ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

CALL: _____

LICENSE CLASS: _____

APPLICATION: NEW RENEWAL

NAME: _____

PHONE: () _____.

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP:

EMAIL: _____

DXCC MEMBER? _____

ARRL MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES: _____.

SPONSOR'S CALL: _____

ARRL MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

(ADXA IS A 100% ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB)

VOTING MEMBERS MUST HOLD DXCC

VALID INTEREST IN DX REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATE (NON-VOTING) MEMBERSHIP

YEARLY DUES **\$25.00**, Family membership **\$35.00**

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